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**Statement from First 5 California Executive Director Kris Perry  
Regarding David Long's Appointment as Secretary of Education**

On behalf of First 5 California, I would like to congratulate David Long on his appointment as Secretary of Education. His extensive experience as an educator and leadership as Superintendent of Schools for Riverside County will help expand the learning opportunities available to California's children, including the state's youngest. I look forward to working with David on the critical goal of giving all children the necessary tools to help prepare them for academic success and for life.